HARTFORD – Connecticut lawmakers and machinists from Pratt & Whitney will hold a rally this Monday in celebration of obtaining the contract of the next generation tanker project, the continued successes of the F-35 Project and to stress the general importance that defense contracting plays in the state's manufacturing economy. Additionally the state lawmakers will also be joined by

Congressman Norm Dicks (WA-06), who is the ranking member of House Appropriates Committee and Subcommittee on Defense.

Beginning in March of this year, Pratt & Whitney successfully landed the major projects that will not only continue to help the company and region grow today, but also provide a full future generation with jobs.

All Pratt & Whitney employees will have the opportunity to attend this event to celebrate this victory.

WHO: Governor Dannel Malloy

Senator Joseph Lieberman (I-CT)

Congressman John Larson (CT-01)

Congressman Joe Courtney (CT-02)

Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (CT-03)

Congressman Norm Dicks (WA-06)

East Hartford Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc

Everett Corey (International Association of Machinists District 26)

UTC Executives

WHERE: Pratt and Whitney Museum Hanger

Aircraft Avenue

East Hartford, CT 06118

WHEN: Monday, May 9, 2011 – 11:30 a.m.